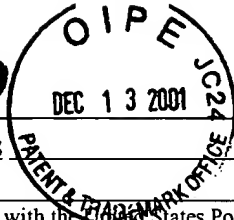


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO  
ACCOMPANY CONTINUED  
PROSECUTION APPLICATION  
(CPA) REQUEST**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This document is a preliminary amendment to accompany a continued prosecution Application (CPA) request. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for four months; and
- 2) A request for a Continued Prosecution Application

Please amend the claims as follows

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s):

6. The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody comprises at least two variable heavy (VH) complementarity determining regions (CDRs) listed in Table 4 (nucleotides 31-35, 50-66, or 99-114 of any of SEQ ID NOS:51-74),

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